

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Carpender, and the following members were present:

Mr. Richard Carpender, Chair
Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Vice Chair

Mr. Michael Buddemeyer

Mrs. Marilyn King
Mrs. Cynthia Perrotti

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Asst. Supt. Jermain, Patti Cofield, and Mark Dunham

Absent: Mrs. Angela Volpicelli, Mrs. Marge Levesque

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Carpender reported on the following:

- A joint workshop was held last night with the Middletown and Newport School Committees. A lot of discussion took place regarding potential collaboration areas. Working subcommittees were formed. The next meeting will be held on January 11th.
- Welcomed Mark Dunham, our new Director of Finance and Administration.

2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Lusi reported on the following:

- Welcomed Mark Dunham, our new Director of Finance and Administration.
- Attended the District Management Council meeting with Mrs. Jermain on Friday.
- Talked with DMC staff about coming to do a presentation to our Teacher Excellence Task Force once it is created.
- The first Commissioner's Race to the Top Forum was held last night. Mrs. Jermain attended. The next forums will be held on:
 - Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 6PM, at the Northern RI Collaborative, 640 George Washington Highway, Lincoln
 - Monday, Nov. 23rd, 6PM, at Toll Gate High School, 575 Centerville Rd., Warwick
 - Wednesday, Dec. 2nd @ 6PM, at the Southern RI Educational Collaborative, 646 Camp Ave., North Kingstown
 - Forum in Providence, date and location to be announced
- Received Commissioner's Advisory Opinion on emergency certification as it applies to teacher tenure last week. Provided Committee with full opinion.
- H1N1
 - Attendance rates improving – 7% absenteeism today, compared with a high of 16% one day last week.
 - First clinic next week @ Melville on Nov. 19.
- Will be attending the Newport County Legislative breakfast on Thursday with Mrs. Jermain.
- Next meeting of Aquidneck Island Group will be held on Monday.
- Have agreed to be one of the two RI representatives to the American Association of School Administrators Governing Board.

- a) Teaching and Learning: Assistant Superintendent Jermain reported on the following:
- Attended the Dana Initiative training in Warwick along with nine of our staff members. It focused on curriculum; observing teaching in classrooms; and how it ties to GLEs, GSEs, and curriculum.
 - Dana training sessions will be held later this week and next.
 - Response to Intervention sessions will be held next week after school.
 - Attended the Commissioner's Forum. The Commissioner is looking for input from public in applying for grants.
 - Last week, the Angry Moms video was shown at PMS. Unfortunately, it had very low attendance
- b) Finance and Operations: Mr. Dunham reported on the following:
- His first day was Thursday, November 5th.
 - Visited the high school today with Dr. Lusi.
 - Met with Town Finance Director last week.
 - Busy reading the budget, the facility plan, and the union contracts.
- c) High School Liaison: Dan Klemmer reported on the following:
- Power Puff Football was moved to its own night, Tuesday, November 24th, to avoid sports conflicts.
 - They are in the process of planning the first ever bon fire at PHS on Wednesday, November 25th. They have already contact the Fire Department and have been given a permit. The bon fire is community oriented.
 - The next PHS blood drive will be held on November 19th and 20th in old gym, along with the St. Jude's rally.

3. **SPOTLIGHT**

- a) **Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and was seconded by Mrs. King to commend PHS Science Teacher and Department Chair, Mr. Jeffrey Schoonover, for being selected as a State Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. So voted 5-0.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. King to approve the minutes of the meetings held September 22, 2009, October 13, 2009, and October 27, 2009. So voted 5-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Perrotti and seconded by Mrs. Wedge to approve the addendum to the October 27, 2009, minutes. So voted 5-0.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) **Custodial Retirement.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. King to accept the resignation for retirement of Kirk E. Gienty, from the position of Custodian, Category A, at Portsmouth Middle School, effective immediately. So voted 5-0.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Presentation on Data and Instruction.** Assistant Superintendent Jermain gave a big picture overview of Data and Instruction. Topics addressed in her Powerpoint presentation:

- PSD Gathers Data from Multiple Sources for Instruction
- The Variety of Ways PSD Looks at Data
- How PSD Reviews Data
- What the Data Shows Us
- How it has Changed our Practices
- What it Means

8. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** Mr. Buddemeyer announced that a meeting will be held on November 19th, at 5:00 PM, at PHS Library, to review the next steps going forward to RIDE. Mrs. Perrotti inquired about the plans for the Administration Building. Mr. Buddemeyer stated that Central Administration would be incorporated into one of the schools, as delineated in Option #2. Dr. Lusi stated that the plan was approved in concept, and RIDE indicated that we should anticipate a lot of changes as we move forward. They no longer support free-standing admin buildings. Mr. Buddemeyer stated that how this plan aligns with the Strategic Plan is more of a Phase 2 or 3 matter.
- b) **Finance.** Mr. Buddemeyer plans to schedule a subcommittee meeting with Mr. Dunham regarding what reports the School Committee would like to see going forward.
- c) **Health and Wellness.** Absent.
- d) **Policy.** Ms. Wedge will be scheduling a subcommittee meeting in the near future.

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. King to adjourn the meeting. So voted 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Mrs. Marjorie Levesque, Clerk